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For: DIAGNOSTICS AND VACCINES FOR MYCOBACTERIAL INFECTIONS OF  
ANIMALS AND HUMANS

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Sir:

**RESPONSE**

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 14, 2011, the applicants elect the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I for further prosecution in the above.

Rejoinder and allowance of any claim defining a method of making and/or using a product defined by an allowable claim, at an appropriate time, are requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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